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Time Flies, **Make It Count**

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By the time this issue fills your mailbox, we'll be about halfway through 2022. Where did the time go? Wasn't 2020—er, 2021—just last week? I can't be the only one feeling this way, right? ...right?!

Anyway, my anxiety aside, the first part of 2022 has just flown by. It's situations like these that make me stop for a second and think about my own goals-personal

and professional—and that I'm making an effort to really extract what I aspire to in everything I do. I urge you to do the same before we're in December and think, 'Where did the YEAR go?' Revisit your goals. Tell your loved ones you love them. Take a break (you deserve it!). Reconnect with your Theta sisters.

Additionally, you might notice that this issue of the magazine feels a little different in your hands. It's been a long time since the Theta Magazine had a paper-related face lift, and we had been thinking about doing this for a couple of years now. Today's ever-evolving landscape of paper availability and postage costs felt like a constant speed bump in planning this, absolutely. But, if not now, then when?

While this issue of the *Theta Magazine* does cover the usual, striving to reach goals and accomplish tasks despite the passage of time is a common thread throughout:

- Ask the Archivist on page 8 shows that Theta treasures hold memories and emotions many years after they were first created, gifted, and shared.
- Theta's current CEO, Betsy Sierk Corridan, Beta Omicron/Iowa, is retiring this summer after 38 years on staff. Read all about her and her accomplishments in this issue's Profile on page 10.
- There are more pages of Snapshots (page 24) in this issue than usual, as Thetas from all over could not wait to gather once again in person for various reasons especially for Founders Day—and have been so eager to share photos with us.

As I get older, it becomes more obvious to me that time so effortlessly flies by. Do the things you've been wanting to do or have been putting off for whatever reasons. Have the fun. Enjoy the present moment.



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News, Views, & Stuff You Can Use



▲ Fresno Alumnae Chapter

SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF THETAS

In 2021, 50% of Theta collegians worked in addition to attending school and being involved in their Theta chapters, and 50% of Theta collegians paid for some or all of their own member dues. Both of these figures are an increase from data collected in 2018 and solidly confirms that the day-to-day life of our collegians already look very different from three, five, 10, 20, or 50 years ago. Our collegians today are facing stressors and burdens new to all of us, and we are actively collecting survey data on this topic. Their experienced financial climate alone is making us step back, reevaluate existing programs and policies, and develop new programs and policies to best fit their lifestyles and allow them to engage in Theta experiences to their absolute fullest potential.

One of the easiest ways to strengthen the college Theta experience for our members and, in turn, support the breadth of our Fraternity, is to pay your annual alumnae per capita dues. (They are only \$32!) You can do so easily online by logging in to Theta Portal and clicking the icon on the top of the screen that says **Pay Alumnae Dues**. Thank you for ensuring the Theta experience is here to stay for years to come!



SUSTAINABLE INVESTING

The Fraternity investment committee (FIC) is charged with managing the investment portfolios of the Fraternity in order to support our long-term goals. Recently, the FIC made the decision to incorporate sustainable investing parameters into the investment process, placing emphasis on issues that are of importance to our membership. Following conversations with our investment manager at PNC Financial, focus is now given to environmental initiatives, promoting diversity and inclusion, a greater number of women in leadership roles, work/life balance, and community involvement and volunteerism.

GRAND CONVENTION 2022

Plans are in place for Grand Convention 2022!

We are pleased to announce that delegates will gather in Phoenix July 8-9 to participate in Grand Convention. Attendees will arrive July 7 to prepare for the official start of Convention on July 8. As a reminder, we made a few changes to this year's Convention in light of the pandemic.

- Attendance is limited to delegates. This adjustment helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all Thetas.
- In focusing on conducting Fraternity business, no educational programming will be offered.

MAINTAINING CONNECTIONS

Each college chapter (active and inactive) has an alumnae contact officer (ACO). It is this volunteer's responsibility to ensure that all the women from her chapter remain connected to Theta. She does this by finding lost Thetas: women for whom we no longer have a current address.

Technology has made the duties of this volunteer position easy to do from anywhere in the world. In fact, we have ACOs living in El Salvador and Germany! You can also be an ACO for a chapter other than your chapter of initiation. If you think this might be the volunteer role for you, check out the vacancies below and email volunteerengagement@kappaalphatheta.org.

Kappa/Kansas
Beta Iota/Colorado
Beta Lambda/William & Mary
Gamma Tau/Tulsa
Zeta Rho/UC San Diego
Zeta Chi/Johns Hopkins
Eta Lambda/~
Theta Lambda/Rochester
Theta Mu/Mines

THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE MAILING UPDATE

In the Winter 2021 issue of the *Theta Magazine*, we shared that the coronavirus pandemic forced us to make difficult budget-related decisions which greatly affected the revenue generated that pays for things like leadership and educational programming, travel for officers, Theta headquarters staff positions, and printing and mailing costs for the magazine. In bringing this up once more, we wish to assure you that while we're still working from a schedule of editions that is partly printed and partly digital, we are actively exploring better options for reading digital issues, more efficient mailing schedules, and more. Most importantly, we are grateful that you continue to be a loyal reader of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*—thank you for your patience and understanding!



REBECCA TAYLOR, DELTA OMEGA/TEXAS A&M, IS AN ENGINEERING STUDENT, A NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR, A PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR, AND A BROWN SCHOLAR. SHE HAS ALSO LIVED WITH AN UNKNOWN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE AND THE AFTEREFFECTS OF AN UNKNOWN FORM OF PANCREATITIS FOR MORE THAN HALF OF HER LIFE NOW. IN 2018, REBECCA USED HER MAKE-A-WISH REQUEST TO FOUND REBECCA'S WISH, A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT THAT AIMS TO PROVIDE HOPE TO CHILDREN WITH PANCREATITIS. REBECCA WANTS TO CHANGE LIVES FOR THE BETTER, AND WE'RE ESPECIALLY LUCKY THAT SHE FOUND THE TIME TO ANSWER OUR 10 QUESTIONS.

1 WHAT IS YOUR DREAM OCCUPATION? AND, WHAT OCCUPATION WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO ATTEMPT?

I've always said that if I could have any job, it would be to attend school for the rest of my life so that I could always be learning. Sadly, there isn't exactly a job that allows for me to make money attending school, so I figured my best bet would be to become a nanomedical researcher. I will say that I would make a horrible actress. I cannot hide any of my emotions on my face and I would never be able to make it through a single scene, much less a full play or movie, without laughing.

2 WHAT'S ONE THING THAT REALLY MAKES YOUR DAY?

I hate the attention my bulky medical devices bring to me, and disabilities can be awkward for most people who aren't used to them. People tend to avoid me by not making eye contact when I pass or taking a long route to get out of my way. It absolutely makes my entire week when someone talks to me or compliments me on something normal, like my dress or shoes. It means a lot more than they could know.

3 WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

The biggest things I value is honesty and authenticity. I am acutely aware of how short life is. I don't want to waste my time dancing around delicate topics or talking about the weather. I want to be able to have deep and meaningful friendships. Having a few deep friendships means much more to me than simply knowing many people.

4 CATS, DOGS, OR HOUSE PLANTS?

Dogs! My family loves dogs, and we name them after piano composers or famous classical piano pieces. So far, we have had a Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, and we currently have a Für Elise!

5 WHAT'S ONE ITEM ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?
I have always wanted to go to Norway! My father is

Norwegian, so I started teaching myself the language. However, speaking Norwegian does not come in handy in Texas often...or at all.

6 WHAT'S A QUALITY OR SKILL OF YOURS THAT DISTINGUISHES YOU OR THAT YOU'RE MOST PROUD OF?

I am most proud of my determination. I am a very stubborn person, which in some cases can cause more harm than good. But for me, it has been the only reason I have been able to stay in school despite my health-related setbacks. I set my goals and I always meet them; no matter what the cost.

"LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS..."

That's an easy one: No one would guess I'm missing seven and a half organs! Or that I've spent over 1,300 days checked into a hospital. I'm sure that has to be a record somewhere.

8 TELL US ABOUT A LIFE LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED, OR SOMETHING YOU KEEP CLOSE TO YOUR MIND AND HEART AS YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE.

Growing up, I used to always pray that I was "healed" from my diseases. While I still believe in miracles, I also believe more firmly that good can be found in negative situations. So, I stopped praying for my healing, but started praying instead for the strength to make it through a day, for a few moments of lessened pain, or for my situation to be used for good so that my suffering is not in vain. I can still have hope; I just need to change my perspective.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY SO FAR?

I was going on a big-little date with my would-be big who had invited me over to her house to bake cookies. I told her I was excited to bake cookies with her, but I wouldn't be able to eat them on my strict diet and didn't want her to think I was being rude after she put in the effort to create a fun night for me. When I showed up at her house, laid out on her countertop were all special ingredients that I could eat. She had gone out to the store specifically to find a way for me to enjoy all parts of baking cookies—both the baking and the eating! It was such a sweet gesture.

10 WHAT DOES THE CONCEPT OF "WOMEN SUPPORTING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

"Women supporting women" is exactly how I feel when I'm with my Delta Omega sisters. One of my favorite things about Theta has been how supported I feel in all aspects of my life, like in my work with Rebecca's Wish, in making lifelong friends, or in my academic successes or failures. The women of Theta are always there to offer help in any way they can or to just walk with me through life.

Theta Treasures

By: Noraleen DuVall Young | Alpha Chi/Purdue

At the January 2022 Virtual Thetas gathering, I had the pleasure of presenting a Theta version of Antiques Roadshow. I did not assign any monetary values to the items, but I did share the history behind several of the pieces that were shared in advance, assigning more of a historical value to each item. Several Thetas were gracious to share their Theta treasures with me and I, in turn, wish to share them with you.







▲ Lorie Merrill and her retirement apron

Lorie Herbert Merrill, Gamma Xi/San Jose State, shared this special memento created for her at the time she stepped down from her role as Alumnae District President (ADP) in 1973. Lorie shared, "[When] I became an ADP, I was responsible for District VII which covered all the alumnae chapters and clubs in Southern California, Arizona, and Hawaii. My wonderful friend, Barbie, took it upon herself to plan a party for me when I retired. She contacted every alumnae chapter and club president, and the Grand Council members at the time, and sent them each a square of yellow and white gingham material with a strip of black thread and a needle and requested that they sew something for me! As busy as all of these wonderful ladies were, they sent her back a completed piece and she put together a beautiful Theta apron. ... This apron is ALMOST an antique as it is 49 years old and just as beautiful today as it was in 1973. I love and treasure it!"



▲ Shannon Wood's Spicer-Gierke badge

What was so fascinating about this badge is that it looks so much like what is often referenced as a Dyer badge. C. B. Dyer was an Indianapolis jeweler who, along with his wife, Blanche Nancy Brown Dyer, Gamma/Butler, would visit Indiana-based chapters during the 1920s and 1930s, buy up the standard badge of the day, and reset them with extended points. While the Dyer badge was never an official badge (our official jeweler at that time was Balfour), many Thetas have found these badges to be special. What struck me was how similar Shannon Kegley Wood's, Nu/Hanover, Spicer-Gierke badge was to the Dyer badges we have in the archives. After a little digging, I found some interesting connections: Carl Frank Gierke been a long-time production manager for C. B. Dyer, and Beryl Spicer worked for L. G. Balfour. Both stores were located on the same street in Indianapolis, Ind. Gierke may have been responsible for some of the design of the Dyer badges when he worked for Dyer and may have brought a few of them along when he set up his company with Spicer in November 1939. In whatever way this badge came to be made, it is a beauty! About the badge, Shannon said, "Most of my Theta sisters bought Balfour pins, but I loved the Spicer-Gierke edition of the pin since the edges were so ornate and because it was sold by a local [Indianapolis] business. ... I have since had [the pin] converted to a necklace."







Cathie Waters Cardelucci, Beta Xi/UCLA, shared a beautiful pewter cuff bracelet that she acquired several years ago. The bracelet served as the scholarship award for Beta Kappa Chapter at Drake University from fall 1932 to spring 1941. It is beautiful on the outside but what is so fascinating are the names of those who were designated to wear the bracelet inscribed on the inside. Chapter letters that appeared in the Theta Magazine reference the awarding of the scholarship bracelet to members who earned the highest grade average within the chapter. Cathie said, "I love this cuff so much and wear it often!"

If you'd like to get in on the treasure-sharing fun, I encourage you to share your treasures with other Thetas via the Theta History Group in ThetaConnect!



Virtual Thetas is an opportunity to connect with fellow Thetas around the world and hear interesting Theta speakers. You can find out more about upcoming Virtual Theta programs in the Virtual Thetas group in ThetaConnect.



After 38 years of dedicated service to Kappa Alpha Theta—25 years alone as executive director/chief executive officer (CEO)—Betsy Sierk Corridan, Beta Omicron/lowa, is retiring. In honor of the countless hours of time and love that Betsy has poured into the betterment of Theta, we take a trip down memory lane recounting Betsy's path to the leader we know today.



A first-generation Theta, Betsy was initiated into Beta Omicron Chapter at the University of Iowa on Feb. 8, 1980. As a sophomore, Betsy served

Beta Omicron Chapter as treasurer, and was then slated as chapter president her junior year. Following her graduation in 1983, Betsy joined Theta's staff as a chapter consultant; we now call a form of this position the educational leadership consultant (ELC). As a consultant, Betsy helped to establish Epsilon Xi/Villanova and assisted with the establishment of Alpha Epsilon/Brown. In 1984, Betsy joined the Indianapolisbased headquarters staff as administrative assistant, then shifted to director of chapter services in 1986. Betsy served in this director role through 1996.

In the Summer 1988 issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, the second article in a series "about the women who share the responsibility of leading the national Fraternity" appeared—the series being affectionately called "Who's Minding the Fraternity?"—talking a bit about Betsy's director of chapter services role:

As director of chapter services, Betsy Sierk, Beta Omicron/ Iowa, has more direct contact with Theta collegians and alumnae than any other staff member.

"Kappa Alpha Theta has given me the opportunity to build a career in a field that supports women's advancement," says Sierk. "The most rewarding part of my job is the direct contact with Theta collegians and alumnae, as well as campus Greek advisors and staff members of other fraternities, who are excited about the progressive programs offered by Theta.

Betsy was promoted to the role of director of finance at Theta headquarters in 1996, then subsequently accepted the role of executive director in 1997. There appeared an announcement in the Autumn 1997 issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*:

Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta proudly announces the appointment of Elizabeth A. Sierk, Beta Omicron/ Iowa, to the position of executive director of the Fraternity. "The Fraternity is most fortunate to have as our new executive director someone with Betsy's varied and extensive Fraternity experience," says Helen E. Woodward, international president. "She brings to this position not only her knowledge and extensive background in Fraternity operations but also a wonderful working relationship with the Headquarters staff. This relationship is paramount to the smooth running of Headquarters and ultimately affects our volunteers who are dependent upon the staff in so many ways."

To provide some historical context for the shift

in Betsy's title from executive director to CEO: In 2011—going into effect in 2012—Grand Council's purpose shifted from operational governance of the organization to a more strategic approach, placing the operational authority in the hands of Theta's executive staff leadership. Then, in 2015, the leaders of Theta's three entities (the Fraternity, Theta Foundation, and the Fraternity Housing Corporation [FHC]) jointly adopted an enterprise relationship concept, placing operational authority of all three entities under the direction of Betsy as CEO.





As CEO, Betsy is responsible for implementing and directing Fraternity policies and programs approved by Grand Council. She oversees the successful management of Kappa Alpha Theta and meeting the goals and objectives set by Grand Council and the Plan of Aspirations.

Theta's current chief financial officer (CFO), Jeff Risser, recounted Betsy's strengths in leading Kappa Alpha Theta: "Everyone in the Greek community is fully aware of the excellent leadership qualities Betsy possesses. From a staff perspective, we get to see that firsthand, as well as the trust, encouragement, and compassion for her role as CEO and for the staff that work with her. With many of us having worked with Betsy for many years, staff can attest to the trust she has placed in us while also fostering personal growth in each of our positions and, in turn, the growth of the organization. Both professionally and personally, I cannot describe how much it has meant to me to have Betsy's unwavering and total support."

While serving as executive director/CEO, Betsy has participated in a multitude of additional positions, roles, and committees. Theta-specific roles include a member of the Fraternity investment committee (FIC), secretary for all three boards of Theta's three entities,

Theta Foundation trustee, secretary of the Fraternity nominating committee, and member of the Fraternity and Sorority Political Action Committee (FSPAC) board.

Theta Foundation President TJ Condon, Epsilon Lambda/Dickinson, shared her thoughts about Betsy's ability to inject foundational success into each part of Kappa Alpha Theta: "Betsy is a gift in herself, having supported Theta Foundation throughout her years of service. One of my happiest moments was being part of her induction to the Gerlach and Stockwell Society, which celebrates generous donors who give \$25,000 or more cumulatively to support the Foundation. Betsy believes that spreading the widest influence for good means ensuring all facets of Kappa Alpha Theta (the Fraternity, Foundation, and FHC) work to a shared set of aspirations. Additionally, that Theta is so well respected in the NPC community is thanks to Betsy's quiet but steady influence. She has spent her career leveraging her strengths to help Theta shine."

Outside of her time at Theta, Betsy either serves or has served in a multitude of additional roles: President of the Fraternity Executives Association and the Executive Directors Association, member of National Panhellenic



Conference (NPC) strategic planning committees, member of the Vincennes Historic Preservation Review Board, the Junior League of Indianapolis, the National Leadership Education Committee of Theta Chi Fraternity, and court-appointed special advocate (CASA). She also served as chairman of the Indiana Commission for Women

under Governor Mitch Daniels, and currently serves the Hoover Presidential Foundation as chairman-elect. These positions are among many others on Betsy's résumé and represent groups across Indiana and the Greek world.

Betsy does not back down from a challenge. Betsy recently reflected on topics she considers significant in Theta's history: "From pioneering a sorority system at several institutions, to eliminating pledgeship, to supporting alcohol-free housing of men's groups, to publicly educating our members on the AIDS crisis, to challenging Harvard, Theta's always been willing to do what's right, even if no one is with her."

Betsy does not back down from a challenge. It is a trait of hers that has made her solidly successful in all of her leadership positions. Betsy has been a massive part

of influencing Kappa Alpha Theta to continue to be a steadfast leader in all the things that set its future in stone. If anything shows concrete growth and success, it's numbers. In the entirety of Betsy's time as an employee of Kappa Alpha Theta, 73 college chapters were installed and reinstalled, and nearly 190,000 women were

initiated into the organization.

When asked of her favorite quote or saying by a Theta, Betsy responded, "As Grand President, Sue Supple, Alpha/DePauw, often approached a challenge or an opportunity with the question, 'What if?' A practice I adopted early in my career, it immediately invites imagination and helps diminish the idea that the authority position is dictating the correct answer." This nugget of information in and of itself is incredibly

characteristic of Betsy's instinctive leadership.

Betsy's Theta journey is one of loyalty, commitment, and passion, and it's undeniable that Kappa Alpha Theta will reap the benefits of her leadership for years to come.

LEADING

DR. JULIA CLINE, BETA CHI/ALBERTA, IS A RESEARCH AEROSPACE ENGINEER AT NASA LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER IN VIRGINIA. SHE LEADS RESEARCH TEAMS IN THE AREAS OF IN-SPACE SERVICING, ASSEMBLY, AND MANUFACTURING (ISAM) AND SPACE NUCLEAR PROPULSION (SNP). NOTABLY, JULIA RECENTLY RECEIVED THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY MISSION DIRECTORATE EARLY CAREER AWARD, RECOGNIZING RESEARCHERS IN THE FIRST 10 YEARS OF THEIR CAREER FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MISSION AND AGENCY OF NASA. JULIA ALSO SERVES KAPPA ALPHA THETA AS A COLLEGE DISTRICT DIRECTOR (CDD) FOR COLLEGE DISTRICT X AND WAS NAMED TO THETA'S 35 UNDER 35 IN 2021. JULIA IS PROOF THAT YOU—YES, YOU—CAN FOLLOW YOUR CHILDHOOD DREAMS AND LOVE THE WORK YOU DO, ALL WHILE BEING A LEADING WOMAN.



▲ Photo by Krista Hargis with Krista Alyse Photography

I've loved space since I was a little kid. My dad would often take me outside to look at the stars and he encouraged my interest in space, science, and NASA. In high school, I figured I would pursue aerospace engineering in university because that's what I thought you needed to work for NASA. Aerospace engineering wasn't offered at the local university in my hometown, so I pursued astrophysics. As I neared the completion of my

bachelor's degree, I still wanted to be an aerospace engineer, so I ended up in graduate school. I think it all felt right to me after my first year or so at NASA. This is exactly what I dreamed of doing when I was younger: working for NASA and contributing to the exploration of space.

Looking back, I really had no clue what an aerospace engineer really does because I had little exposure to actual engineers growing up. This is one reason I am so passionate about STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) outreach. I want the future generation to see themselves in this field—no matter who they are or where they come from. Throughout my career, I've spent countless hours mentoring K-12 students, university students, summer interns, and junior employees about space, engineering, and NASA.

Sure, maybe Theta and NASA aren't related directly. But Theta has been incredibly influential in my journey. Theta gave me practical leadership experiences that helped me develop skills critical to my job as an aerospace engineer—skills that weren't taught in the classroom. Through

my volunteer roles with Theta (including chapter vice president education [VPE], president, operations advisor, risk prevention specialist, and now CDD), I learned how to manage progressively larger teams, gain consensus, communicate effectively, and navigate challenging situations. The skills I use each day leading my projects at NASA to develop technology for in-space assembled structures, lunar surface operations, and space nuclear propulsion are the ones I started cultivating in my first leadership roles within Theta. I think the amount of leadership experience I gained from my involvement in Theta positioned me well to become a project lead so early in my career. Though I've only been working as an engineer for six years, I have more than 15 years of leadership experience to draw on thanks to Theta.

If you aspire to enter a STEM field, you must believe in yourself and that you belong in the field. Don't let anyone tell you differently. If you struggle with confidence, keep a log of positive feedback you receive on your work to help you gain confidence in your skills as an engineer/STEM major. Seek out mentors who work in your field that can give you advice based on their experiences, and mentors that can hype you up. Don't be afraid to ask someone about their career journey! Almost everyone I meet is eager to share their story, and there is always something you can learn that will help you along your journey. Lastly, don't give up if your path isn't linear to your goal. My path to NASA took turns I didn't anticipate that had positive impacts on my career and helped me hone my skills.

Being a leading woman means capturing the opportunity to share important ideas with others at various levels: local, state, national, and international. Being a leading woman means to be a good role model for young people and the future leaders who will work to solve the challenges of the 21st century.

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Scholarships: Empowered to Soar

Theta Foundation's scholarship program is made possible by the generosity and loyalty of donors. Since 1962, Theta Foundation has awarded more than 7,500 scholarships totaling over \$16 million. We are incredibly proud that these scholarships are enabling members to pursue their academic goals. Below, hear from a few of our fantastic recipients who are chasing their dreams with Theta Foundation cheering them on every step of the way.



"In times of trouble and financial worry, Theta Foundation has provided me a sense of peace and the ability to continue my education to help serve my goal of making meaningful impacts in my community."

Alison Wine,
Eta Phi/Belmont



"I am currently finishing my last semester of my graduate studies at Emory University where I will soon become a board-certified women's health nurse practitioner and sexual assault nurse examiner. It is a true honor being able to do the good work of caring for my community, providing compassionate care to women, and creating a world free from sexual violence because of the amazing leading women of Kappa Alpha Theta. Thank you for realizing my dreams with me - it means the world." Mackenzie Weiland, Epsilon Eta/Centre



"I am forever grateful for the opportunities that Theta continues to provide for me. Even as an alumna, I'm continuously inspired to be my best self and a stronger leading woman. Thanks to Theta Foundation, I am one step closer to pursuing a degree that will help me in starting my own nonprofit organization!"

Chelsea Guevara,
Gamma Sigma/

San Diego State

Individual Grants: Empowered to Explore

Theta Foundation grants are available to individual college and alumnae members, as well as college and alumnae chapters, for non-degree educational opportunities. These grants help Thetas supplement their conventional education and training with experiential learning opportunities, setting them apart as leaders on their campuses and in their communities. Since 1986, Theta Foundation has awarded more than 1,400 chapter and individual grants totaling over \$1.4 million.



Arleah Aguilar Theta Xi/UC Santa Cruz

Arleah (pictured left) received Theta Foundation grant funding to attend the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo in Denver, Colorado to present her abstract that she coauthored, titled "Strengthening Social Connectedness: Identifying Potential Opportunities for Asian Community Health Worker Engagement." Her research addresses the health disparities minority groups face and what can be done to improve health outcomes. This opportunity allowed her to network with others in the public health field, collaboratively discuss her research, and learn about new topics in health equity, all of which will help her become a better physician.

"This grant has shown me that we are Thetas for life. It helps emphasize that Theta is there for me no matter how long it has been since I graduated. Theta truly is a support system no matter where I am."



Lizabeth Delfs Alpha Rho/South Dakota

Lizabeth received Theta Foundation grant funding to participate in an Alternative Week of Off-Campus Learning (AWOL) in Puerto Rico. During this service-learning excursion, she was able to aid others in completing meaningful, sustainable service projects while developing her confidence and skills as an adaptable leader. Her cohort worked on projects including restoring an abandoned school, revitalizing a rainforest trail, helping out at an animal shelter, and cleaning up a beach.

"I am truly grateful to have received this grant to be able to do something I have always dreamed about. Theta Foundation's support allowed me to grow in service learning and as a leader while also supporting me in gaining a one-in-a-lifetime experience. I am proud to be a part of Kappa Alpha Theta and will always hold my membership close to me. Knowing that I am about to graduate college has me feeling a lot of emotions, but I will always know that Theta is for a lifetime."

Chapter Grants: Empowered to Grow



My name is Sophie Thibault and I'm a member of Eta Omega Chapter at Saint Louis University. This past year I served as the Health and Wellness Chair, a position that my chapter created to better serve the mental and physical wellbeing

of our members. As someone who has personally experienced the effects of mental health struggles, I aim to use my position to educate my sisters on how they can best care for their own mental wellbeing and the wellbeing of others.

This fall, our campus experienced two suicides, one occurring in the middle of recruitment weekend. This came as a complete shock to our campus community, but especially the potential new members who were going through formal recruitment. I lost my dad to suicide in 2017 and wanted to use my experience with suicide loss to support the members of my chapter. Our campus provides access to mental health resources, but I wanted to do something specific for the Greek community, especially because the first suicide happened at an important time in our formal recruitment process.

I sought out a speaker from Active Minds to come and present to my chapter and found Colleen Coffey, a mental health advocate who specializes in sorority and fraternity life. Colleen offers a presentation called

"My Sister, My Brother, My Keeper," which focuses on providing chapters with the tools they need to create a stigma-free environment. Through sharing her story, interacting with our chapter, and providing educational materials on mental health, Colleen gave us the tools to be more transparent, honest, and caring in our relationships with one another. Our chapter found her presentation to be very inspiring!

Colleen has accomplished so much in her professional life and her resilience is reflected in how she interacted with our chapter and how she shared her experiences. Her traits lined up with the values of a leading woman, which was exactly what I wanted to show my chapter: you can still be a strong, leading woman regardless of your struggles. The members of Eta Omega are exceptionally caring and empathetic, and on campus we are known for being a closely-knit chapter. I am immensely proud of Eta Omega for putting our members' wellbeing first, and I believe this mental health presentation will further develop how we can best care for and support each other.

Applying for a Theta Foundation grant to fund this mental health presentation was intimidating at first, but the application was straightforward and easy to complete. If I had any questions, the contact at Theta headquarters was easily accessible and so helpful. This was my first time applying for a grant and I learned a lot about how to write a clear, concise application, which will help me in the future with my career goals in nonprofit work.

Are you interested in making a gift to Theta Foundation? Please see the envelope included in this issue or make a gift online at www.kappaalphatheta.org/foundation/make-a-general-donation.

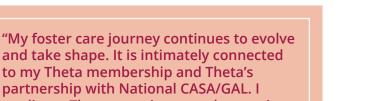
Empowered to *Volunteer*

Kappa Alpha Theta has been partnered with the National Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad Litem (CASA/GAL) Association for Children for more than 30 years now, and Thetas continue to play a major role in the CASA/GAL mission at the local, state, and national levels. Throughout this partnership, Thetas have made lasting contributions as passionate ambassadors of the CASA/GAL mission. Theta Foundation has proudly supported National CASA/GAL since the beginning of this partnership and looks forward to empowering volunteers for many years to come.

"We are so appreciative of this incredible partnership and the many leading women who have helped to strengthen and support our work to provide best-interest advocacy for our nation's children. Thank you for sharing in our vision of a world where every child who has experienced abuse or neglect is given the opportunity to thrive in a safe and loving home." Tara Perry, CEO for the National CASA/GAL Association for Children

"I would not know what National CASA/GAL is without Theta. These are two organizations that grow people to their fullest potential in incredibly important developmental years." Jillian Mathias Kyde, Eta Iota/San Diego Former CASA of Lexington Board Member

"Joining Theta and spreading my CASA story has been such a rewarding experience. I am proof that my history didn't have to dictate my future. I find that the CASA mission resonates with Thetas because we have an actual chance to make a difference." Ashley Cray Sieczowski, Beta Mu/Nevada Supported by a CASA volunteer



partnership with National CASA/GAL. I credit my Theta experience as the starting place for my curiosity about the foster care system and the place where my interest in supporting kids in foster care originates." Lindsay Sell,

to my Theta membership and Theta's

Beta Gamma/Colorado State Foster Parent



These quotes are pulled from Celebrating our Partnership, a project produced by National CASA/GAL.





Change a Child's Story™

Empowered to *Invest*

When Kappa Alpha Theta was founded more than 150 years ago, a tradition began of academic excellence, widest influence for good, and love. That tradition continues when Thetas make a commitment to ensure the Theta experience exists for members who will follow. In planning your future and considering your desired impact on Kappa Alpha Theta, both during your lifetime and after, we hope you will remember Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Lambert Legacy Society is Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation's planned giving society, named for Betty Baur Lambert, Alpha Chi/Purdue, and her husband, James. It recognizes members and friends who have thoughtfully included gifts to Theta Foundation in their estate plans. Their generous bequest became a leading source for Kappa Alpha Theta's graduate scholarship program.

To become a member of the Lambert Legacy Society, or to learn more about leaving your legacy with Kappa Alpha Theta, please visit **kappaalphatheta.planmylegacy.org** or use the Contact Us form on the Theta website.

"I volunteer for Theta to pay forward all that she has given me. Planned giving is another way to continue that legacy and to ensure the Theta experience is available for generations to come."

> Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina



Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation is registered with the IRS as a 501 (c)(3) organization. Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



Plan for Pansy Patch!

Pansy Patch, Theta Foundation's official Grand Convention fundraiser, is blooming in 2022!

With a gift of \$10, you can joyfully honor a Theta who models "thoughts for others" and at the same time benefit the *Theta Forever Fund*. As the Pansy Patch blooms with virtual pansies, you provide opportunities for members to reach their fullest potential and make a difference around the world and in their communities.

Use the QR code located on the back cover to spread joy by honoring a special Theta.

FINANCIAL STATE OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA 2021



Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan

FRATERNITY GENERAL TREASURY REPORT

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

INCOME

3%	\$157,049
64%	\$3,984,613
1%	\$84,342
0%	-
2%	\$113,328
5%	\$279,111
17%	\$1,066,573
8%	\$519,332
100%	\$6,204,348
	64% 1% 0% 2% 5% 17% 8%

^{*} Initiation, per capita, & chapter services, etc.

^{**} Alumnae per capita fees, paid individually and via alumnae chapters and Life Loyal memberships

^{***} Merchandise sales, jewelry commission, affinity charge card, etc. Employee Retention Credit of \$343,616 (applied for)

EXPENSE

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION DEPRECIATION ** FRATERNITY OFFICER ADMINISTRATION INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS PROGRAMS * RISK MANAGEMENT OTHER EXPENSE	19% 6% 0% 0% 62% 7% 6%	\$1,107,098 \$328,139 \$1,289 \$14,910 \$3,600,038 \$403,230 \$354,209
GRAND TOTAL	100%	\$5,808,913

^{*} Magazine, chapter operations, enterprise technology, training, etc. ** Theta headquarters & facilities

NET INCOME 2020-2021

\$395,435







▲ Eta Upsilon/San Francisco





ACCOMPLISHMENTS & EVENTS

- A Trish Richards Hicks and Phyllis Meyer Mueller, both Gamma Xi/San Jose State, celebrate 68 years of Theta friendship by meeting once or twice a year. Mueller said, "[We are] both now 86 and feeling young!"
- B Three former Theta
 Foundation trustees met in
 Jackson Hole, Wyo.: Cathie
 Waters Cardelucci, Beta Xi/
 UCLA; Kimi Morris Martin,
 Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma;
 and Zita Enloe, Gamma
 Phi/Texas Tech, enjoyed
 reconnecting with one
 another.
- C Alumnae from the 1982-1989 new member classes of **Gamma Delta/Georgia** gathered for a reunion in Athens, Ga. **Lorene Lefkowitz** shared, "We all agreed that it is Theta for a lifetime!"

- D Members from **Delta Kappa Chapter at Louisiana State University** and more than 25 alumnae in the area gathered for a Founders Day celebration. At the celebration, **Louise Arey Dye, Delta Kappa/LSU**, celebrated 50 years of Theta membership and posed for a photo with Baton Rouge Alumnae Chapter President **Erin Husbands**, **Delta Kappa/LSU**.
- E Eta Theta/Central Florida members Daniella Lopez and Xelayris Martinez were elected student body president and student body vice president, respectively. Everyone in the chapter is incredibly proud of them!
- The Pittsburgh Alumnae Chapter hosted a Founders Day lunch. Alumnae chapter members were thrilled to be joined by collegians from Gamma Theta/Carnegie Mellon and Epsilon Omega/Washington & Jefferson.















- G Houston NW Alumnae
 Chapter members met for a
 luncheon and candle lighting
 ceremony for Founders Day.
 Chapter President Heather
 Richmond Thomlinson, Delta
 Omega/Texas A&M, wrote
 about the gathering, "While
 small in number, it was large
 in love and fellowship!"
- Н The **Oxford Alumnae Chapter** celebrated Founders Day at the University of Mississippi. They hosted members from **Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi**, which included the charter president and a former Fraternity president. Pictured are **Katie Busby, Anne Buntin Pringle, Ardith Morrison Morgan, Emily** Walker Nelson, Katherine **Brown Lanford, Cathy Price** Box, Kathryn Staley Barrow, **Kimberley Drummond** Hawthorne, Mikayla Jordan, and Nancy Leigh Moore McDade, all Epsilon Zeta/ Mississippi.
- I Members of **Delta Theta/ Florida** and surrounding alumnae gathered to celebrate Founders Day and the chapter's 60th anniversary!













- Leah Hayes, Gamma Theta/ Carnegie Mellon; Christine Locke, Eta Phi/Belmont; and **Mary Bess Corbin, Epsilon Epsilon/Baylor,** captured this photo at the Nashville Alumnae **Chapter's** Founders Day event.
- **Oklahoma City Alumnae Chapter** hosted a large Founders Day gathering with more than 60 members attending. Fifteen 50-year Thetas were honored. The flowers were even designed by a Theta florist. One member stated, "It was a great afternoon with lots of laughs and even a few sweet tears!"
- The officers for the Palm Beach L **County Alumnae Chapter** captured this memory at their Founders Day event.

- 26 members of the М Southeastern Virginia **Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate Founders Day 2022. After hearing from the **Executive Director at Norfolk** (VA) CASA, the women enjoyed lunch and conversation. The new executive board was installed including Jess Crace, Beta Gamma/Colorado State; Jenny Zook, Epsilon Nu/Virginia Tech; Holly McNutt, Epsilon Omicron/ Randolph-Macon; Kathleen Kelly Sharp, Epsilon Nu/ Virginia Tech; Tina Mills Cadden, Epsilon Nu/Virginia Tech; Tracy Godfrey Quast, **Epsilon Nu/Virginia Tech;** Andrea Neu Badder, Zeta Psi/Southern Mississippi; and Sally Sledge, Delta Chi/ Virginia.
- N Members of the **Grand Rapids Alumnae Chapter** gathered to celebrate Founders Day together.
- Members from the Tacoma Alumnae Chapter gathered virtually with two members of Delta lota/Puget Sound to celebrate Founders Day.
- The Fresno Alumnae
 Chapter snapped some great
 photos of their Founders Day
 celebration.
- Chapter gathered for a Founders Day celebration.





















- R Amy Jo Bergh Whiting, Rho/
 Nebraska, celebrated 75 years of
 Theta membership with her two
 daughters and granddaughter:
 Luci Whiting Lindwall, Beta
 lota/Colorado; Jill Whiting
 Knott, Beta lota/Colorado; and
 Allie Lindwall, Beta Xi/UCLA.
- **S Beta Xi/UCLA** held a surprise party for their chef, Josue, to celebrate 10 years with the chapter.
- T San Mateo County Alumnae Chapter members joined together to honor 75-year Theta Jane Grim Thompson, Psi/Wisconsin. The gathering included singing Theta songs, presenting an orchid and 75-year pin, and listening to decades of "funny Jane stories."
- The **San Antonio Alumnae Chapter** has a unique Founders
 Day tradition. When a member
 attends her first San Antonio
 Founders Day, she signs a paper
 link and adds it to the chain. The
 chain goes back 70 years! There
 are also two special books that
 everyone has signed for more
 than 70 years.

Just Take a MOMP!

We'd love to hear from you, and we'd love to share what fun you're up to with your Theta sisters. We invite you to just take a moment to submit a "Snapshot" for an upcoming issue of the Theta magazine. Send us a photo with personal or professional news, of past travels, virtual or in-person reunions, or a photo depicting a cherished Theta experience or memory. There's no news too small, and we think everything Thetas do is newsworthy!

WANT TO GO A STEP FURTHER?

Help us visually portray Theta authentically and inclusively. Representation matters, and it is important to us that Theta's materials reflect the diverse identities of our members. The activities below are just some that we'd love to receive more photos of:

- Virtual events, including reunions, group events, and get-togethers;
- CASA/GAL, philanthropy, and service involvement; and
- Candid (unposed!) sisterhood photos.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Online via the Theta website: www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact
- Email marketing@kappaalphatheta.org
- Snail mail to Theta Headquarters:

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity attn: Theta Magazine 8740 Founders Road Indianapolis, IN 46268

NOTE: Digital photos must be shot at the highest quality possible and submitted at the largest size possible. Please don't crop, retouch, filter, or edit in any way.

The Best Part About Living IV

Sorority life and the college experience are exciting. During this time, there are many decisions to be made and stressing about finding a place to live shouldn't be one of them. Living in the chapter house offers so many benefits you can't find when renting a house or apartment. Fraternity housing corporation (FHC) staff spoke with a few members about things they loved most about living in!



▲ Delta Eta/Kansas State

"Living at Theta is an experience like none other. My favorite thing about living in is getting to grow my relationship with my sisters. Every day is always a new adventure. The experience of living in almost feels surreal, who wouldn't want to have endless sleepovers with their best friends. In just my short time living here I have made so many memories that will last a lifetime. ... Every moment is an opportunity to have fun, hang out, and enjoy life. I feel so blessed to be able to live in such a beautiful home, with such amazing girls, and I can't wait to make more memories throughout the years."

▲ Beta Delta/Arizona

"We love living in because there is always a sister around to share your day with. It is a once in a lifetime experience to live in a house with so many of your peers that share your same ambitions and goals. Whether it is late nights in the living room or always having someone to go out for breakfast, the memories that you make living in last a lifetime. Without this Theta experience, the three of us may not have developed the lifelong friendship that we cherish."

Lauren Sadler, Dani Trontz, and Cameron Collins, all Beta Delta/Arizona



▲ Gamma/Butler

AN UNBREAKABLE CONNECTION TO THETA

Through becoming a Life Loyal member, you embody the inherent worth and unlimited possibilities of the Kappa Alpha Theta experience. Through Theta Life Loyal, we strengthen our ideals of individual achievement and work for the common good, as well as our shared experiences in service, scholarship, and sisterhood.

Reap the benefits of your connection to Theta long after your college years have come to an end. Your support for this program will keep the spirit of our Fraternity going strong and pave the way for a prosperous future.

BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA!

THESE WOMEN ENROLLED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AND JANUARY 31, 2022.

Beta/Indiana

Beth Miller Bloom Jo Summers Butler Suzanne Fortier Cunningham

Gamma/Butler

Ann Thompson Cornell Amy Atkinson Samm Katie Smith

Trish Whitcomb

Delta/Illinois

Paula Page Martin

Eta/Michigan

Joan Rioux Dindoffer

Lambda/Vermont

Susan Brooks Drinker

Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan

Ann Gregor Fleming

Mu/Allegheny

Darcy Mitchell Roediger
Nu/Hanover

Lynn Gutches Snowden Nanette Krupp Wolfe

Pi/Albion

Susan Dewitt Armstrong

Rho/Nebraska

Nancy Karnopp Heyne

Tau/Northwestern

Donna Magwood

Upsilon/Minnesota

Erin McCanna M.J. Otte Riedlinger

Nancy Quammen Truax

Alpha Gamma/Ohio State

Tolli Buchanan Gossett Lynn Grashaw Greve Celeste Cook Williams

Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt

Geny Davis Mears Christy King Sarosdy

Alpha Theta/Texas

Chris Holley Fain Susie Adams Smith

Alpha Lambda/Washington

Janice Taylor Blumert Bernadette Peder Larratt

Alpha Mu/Missouri

Kerri Crain Hailey

Fran Hoffman Washington

Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma

Deborah Johnson Bieritz Lee Pedersen Hall Stephanie Schmidt Harvey

Alpha Rho/South Dakota

Sue Olinger MacRandall

Alpha Sigma/Washington State

Barbara Anderson Cleveland

Alpha Tau/Cincinnati

Susan Palmer Jump

Alpha Phi/Tulane

Nan Alessandra Mary Beth Corona Verdigets

Alpha Psi/Lawrence

Anne Spaulding Draeger

Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State

Karen McCracken Severe

Beta Theta/Idaho

Janet Reagan

Beta lota/Colorado

Susan Leigon Paddack

Beta Kappa/Drake

Alice Hoak

Pam Entile McDaniel

Beta Lambda/William & Mary

Susan Soaper Gaston

Beta Mu/Nevada

Amanda McLain

Beta Nu/Florida State

Heidi Price Zerivitz

Beta Xi/UCLA

Sherri Willson Oaklev

Beta Omicron/Iowa

Susan Paustian Manas

Beta Pi/Michigan State

Jenaay Brown Melody Dickison

Beta Rho/Duke

Margaret Cervin

Beta Sigma/SMU

Nancy Headley Watson

Beta Phi/Penn State

Leah Crossetti

Beta Chi/Alberta

Julia Cline

Beta Omega/Colorado College

Barbee Futrell Riehl

Gamma Iota/Kentucky

Joanna O'Dell Kolson

Gamma Mu/Maryland

Robin Hammond Stinson

Gamma Nu/North Dakota State

Priscilla Olson Giffey Debra Lisko

Gamma Xi/San Jose State

Nancy Whitcombe Roe

Gamma Omicron/New Mexico

Shirley Runyan Rich

Gamma Pi/Iowa State

Elizabeth Chambers

Gamma Upsilon/Miami

Debby Moss Kelley Linda Knox

Gamma Chi/Fresno State

Cheryl Kaprielian Mooradian

Gamma Omega/Auburn

Nancy Reeves Childers Amy Meredith

Delta Theta/Florida

Suzanne Skipper Hunnicutt Gail Hill Smith

Kellie Ann Quiggle Thomas

Delta Kappa/LSU

Amy Whitehead Crawford Rebecca Blackwell Fontenot

Delta Nu/Arkansas

Luanne McKinney Kauffman

Delta Omicron/Alabama

Nancy Wilson Norris

Delta Sigma/Ball State

Melissa Cooper Bingham Peach Kimmerling Roth

Delta Upsilon/Eastern Kentucky

Debra Mobley Pearse Ruth Robinson Staten

Delta Omega/Texas A&M

Lisa Millikin Livingston

Epsilon Zeta/Mississippi

Liz Harrington Reep

Epsilon Theta/Stetson

DJ Paredes

Epsilon Iota/WestminsterSarah Ayers

Epsilon Lambda/Dickinson

Laura Smith

Epsilon Mu/Princeton

Mary Ann Hotaling

Epsilon Nu/Virginia TechKathleen Kelly Sharp

Zeta Eta/Wofford

Caroline Liddy Brooks

Eta Theta/Central Florida Brandy May Alvarez

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• A lifetime subscription to the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine,

· Fraternity dues payments for life*,

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- A personalized wallet card,
 Special leadership and educational opportunities available only to Life Loyal members, and more!
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Simply go to **thetalifeloyal.org** to join and pay online.

PHONE

the phone.

Call Theta headquarters,

800-526-1870 ext. 140, to provide your contact and payment information over



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Print the enrollment form available at **thetalifeloyal.org** and mail the completed form with your check or credit card information to:

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KAPPA ALPHA THETA MOURNS THE LOSS OF THESE MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY DURING 2021.

DATES INDICATE THE YEAR OF INITIATION.

ALPHA/DEPAUW

Jane Middleton Anderson, 1956 Carolyn Schwentker Daus, 1948 Megan Reese Edwards, 1985 Donna Crisler Forbes, 1948 Nancy Langsenkamp Frenzel, 1951 Betty Davis Givens, 1951 Katharine Draper Haimbaugh, 1941 Mary Morgan Halfmann, 1956 Anabel Russell Mason, 1949 Cynthia Werner Noel, 1961 Betty Posson Rieger, 1944 **BETA/INDIANA**

Pat Morrison Bartlett, 1946 Carole Shepherd Birch, 1960 Tarry Stafford Curry, 1950 Sonya McKown Engle, 1945 Joanna Barr Fanning, 1944 Jean York Lindsey, 1944 Sara Twyman Monschein, 1963 Shirley Halleck Reidelbach, 1947 Carole Litherland Schmidt, 1954

GAMMA/BUTLER

Martha Gooldy, 1969 Grace Goodwin Miller, 1954 Joan Beckett Whelden, 1945

DELTA/ILLINOIS

Martha Rothgangel Blom, 1943 Kaye Hirt Eggleston, 1957 Brenda Braun Even, 1959 Julia Bodman Faust, 1959 Kathleen Ganey, 1977 Mary Rooks, 1967 Virgi Drenckhahn Wendland, 1961

ETA/MICHIGAN

Punch Kahlenberg Brace, 1954 Barbara Clemons Bump, 1949 Lois Moynahan Haefner, 1946 Anne Cowan Leverich, 1951 Catherine Wilson Opper, 1952 IOTA/CORNELL

Jacqueline Hoeppner Freitas, 1964 Sally Reed Reidinger, 1942

KAPPA/KANSAS

Janet Kesler Bair-Rost, 1954 Marilyn Moore Benson, 1955 Pat Davis DeGoler, 1953 Eleanor Murray Eaton, 1936 Dutch Guthrie McLaughlin, 1947 Sharon Stalcup Mendlick, 1963 Lila Doughman Morris, 1942 Jane Letton Nettels, 1954

LAMBDA/VERMONT

Peggy-Lou Williams Cardwell, 1956

GAMMA DEUTERON/ OHIO WESLEYAN

Mary Mayer Allen, 1950 Nancy Vanhorn Bloomer, 1964 Janet Nay Carenbauer, 1943 Sally Carran Elliott, 1951 Deborah Kitchen Ficker, 1968 Helen Rittenour Geesey, 1943 Jeanette Lindquist Hakes, 1953 Barbara Murray Keating, 1943 Nora Lynn Pearce Kelly, 1960 Mary Sanders McBride, 1943 Pat Turley McManis, 1953 **MU/ALLEGHENY**

Karen Wampler Gunzelman, 1968 Bette Massa Lennox, 1948 Mary Brunot Sandberg, 1950

NU/HANOVER

Rebecca Cassell, 1961 Susan Kercheval, 1960 Amy Clarke Tanaka, 1988

OMICRON/USC

Conni Kerr Cox, 1965 Ann Jarvis Longyear, 1946 Nancy Thompson Power, 1953 PI/ALBION Claudia Westerman Seiple, 1958

RHO/NEBRASKA

Lois Wright Cory, 1943 Janet Danielson, 1956 Joanne Swerre Gilmore, 1949 Janet Dinsmore Miller, 1953 Jean Barber Stading, 1963

TAU/NORTHWESTERN

Nancy Bethel Firestone, 1953 Joan Trenchard French, 1948 Linda Meeks Hartford, 1960 Ellen Kaupke Howrey, 1952 Donna Larrabee Palmer, 1970 Nancy Kuhn Seibold, 1953 UPSILON/MINNESOTA

Martie McBratnie Goetze, 1946 Phyllis Hullett, 1954 Audrey McMeekin Mills, 1948 Winna Fae Ingebrigtsen Nisswandt, 1952 Dorothy Steele Wright, 1954

PHI/PACIFIC

Linda Hutchinson Berra, 1960 Julie Craig Schadlick, 1962

CHI/SYRACUSE

Lucille Follay Burrill, 1939 Nance Geiger, 1966 Anne Houghton Hopkins, 1960 Sally Hoople Penfield, 1953 Sharon Vickery Salerno, 1962

PSI/WISCONSIN

Marilyn McCrory Dawson, 1947 Ginny Link Gallauer, 1947 Elsa Wittmack Harmon, 1960 Alice Gardner Kerckhoff, 1950 Susan Larsen Kurtz, 1952 Betty Pyle Lewis, 1955 Suzanne Arnold McCrory, 1953 Sybil Gibson Olson, 1957 Jill Levis Ragatz, 1957 **OMEGA/UC BERKELEY**

Marian Polhemus Woessner, 1945

ALPHA GAMMA/OHIO STATE

Ann Bish, 1948 Joan Miller Bittinger, 1957 Loann Woods Crane, 1944 Kitty Jo Leonard Fenderson, 1955 Sharen Washburn Gafford, 1962 Betty Washburn Graf, 1948 Jane Hess Harris, 1957 Joanne McDonald Krieger, 1947 Marjorie Garvin Sayers, 1940 Martha Hoskins Schmulbach, 1943 Tamea Bartholomew Sutphen, 1947 Jean Horlacher Walker, 1949

ALPHA DELTA/GOUCHER

Teressa Gammage Bradley, 1962 ALPHA ETA/VANDERBILT

Susan McKeand Baughman, 1957 Connie Clark, 1969 Margaret Neill Griffin, 1949 Norma Davis Owen, 1955

Elizabeth New Seitz, 1984

Virginia Cloys Wells, 1944 Carroll Young, 1953

ALPHA THETA/TEXAS

Rita Cook Anderson, 1956 Ruth Overton Carlock, 1940 Elloine Moseley Clark, 1949 Sarah Williams Conger, 1941 Fran Vanzandt Cox, 1957 Louise Ewing Erwin, 1943 Alice Stampp Hawes, 1952 Lou Hardy Jax, 1953 Susan Lee, 1965 Marion Snider McNeel, 1956 Margaret Saunders Patterson, 1976 Sarah Hall Pentz, 1942 Ann Hohlt Ramey, 1944 Mary Ann Sanborn Rosenfield, 1955 Bunny Bacon Thomsen, 1949

ALPHA IOTA/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Shirley Chase, 1942 Mary Young Johanning, 1944 Constance Ringham Mahn, 1946 Ann Gamble Withrow, 1942 Sandy Sullens Ziegenfuss, 1956

ALPHA LAMBDA/WASHINGTON

Sally Flynn Fitch, 1959 Betty Sells Robertson, 1962 ALPHA MU/MISSOURI

Dorothy Seibel Davidson, 1942 Marcia Randall Fuqua, 1954 Ellen Espy Roesch, 1948 Mary Lessig Sieger, 1955 Jean Shanley Stauffer, 1950 Doris Wyatt Virden, 1946 Carolyn Coffey Wallace, 1973

ALPHA NU/MONTANA

Pat O'Grady Artz, 1950 Di Anne Stephens Emmons, 1953 Pat Pettersen Gouge, 1943 Jo McCauley Hargrave, 1947 Zena Beth McGlashan, 1958 Helen Walterskirchen Neumunz, 1941 Sharon Anderson Pettit, 1956 Judy Adams Schaffer, 1953

ALPHA XI/OREGON

Francie Gillmore Blinks, 1950

Ione Scott Clair, 1952 Barbara Bennett Dutton, 1959 Frances Baum Geer, 1949 Molly Burke Scully, 1957 Phyllis Vanpetten Walters, 1943 Dian Krieske Warwick, 1947 ALPHA OMICRON/OKLAHOMA Sally Amspacher Blake, 1965 Sydney Bowman Collier, 1970 Barbara Entriken Coronado, 1952 Elizabeth Lippmann Essig, 1965 Rosemary Fox Hess, 1940 Sandra Haddock Hine, 1948 Ann Earnest Kerr, 1955 Jan Lawrence Maddern, 1968 Margot Lord Nesbitt, 1946 Sue Durkee Northcutt, 1958

"You should live every moment as fully as you can." Jane Bennett Connell,

Joanne Simpson Williams, 1947

ALPHA PI/NORTH DAKOTA Barbara Braun, 1971 Jody Bjerke Glendenning, 1960 Nancy Johnson Thorpe, 1956 **ALPHA RHO/SOUTH DAKOTA** Elizabeth Williams Bogue, 1942 Marjorie Rensch Hustead, 1948 Ann Jastram Malowney, 1953 **ALPHA SIGMA/WASHINGTON STATE** Richi Ormsby Caldwell, 1959 Joan Sharfenberg Lenning, 1948 **ALPHA TAU/CINCINNATI** Priscilla Garrison Haffner, 1950 Mary Mendenhall McPhie, 1965 Marjorie McCullough Motch, 1942 Ann Meriweather Shafor, 1958

ALPHA UPSILON/WASHBURN

Melanie Webb Downie, 1992 Glenda Jasperson Harrison, 1956 Mary Lou Keller Johnson, 1944 Peggy Scott Kimbrough, 1947 Tena McEachern Santaularia, 1971 Christine Voda-Nash, 1986

ALPHA PHI/TULANE

Elaine Querens Helm, 1944 Carol Layton Parsons, 1947 Charlene Williams Sewell, 1955 **ALPHA CHI/PURDUE**

Mary Jane Bird Johnson, 1940 Carolyn Blind Manhart, 1958 Suzanne Worner Sherwin, 1958 Suzanne Hipskind Southern, 1955 Mary Marchino Witchger, 1958 **ALPHA PSI/LAWRENCE**

Verna Lee Andresen Magee, 1957 Mel Jensen Patterson, 1947 Jean Reynolds Pooler, 1950 Mary Wood Small, 1942 ALPHA OMEGA/PITTSBURGH

Louise Smith Cluff, 1963 Betty Shew Hattman, 1946 **BETA BETA/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE**

Ruth Lynch Barclay, 1947 Martha Haupt Carter, 1947 Linda Beeley Denison, 1959 **BETA GAMMA/COLORADO STATE**

Patricia Schaal Annis, 1947 Shirley O'Brien Brown, 1947 Jo Ann Hayes, 1947

BETA DELTA/ARIZONA

Denny Keyes Alspach, 1958 Babette Rice Demont, 1946 Gail Gaskin Dumas, 1956 Carole Rohde Helsten, 1958 Katie Ely O'Brien, 1945 Charlotte Taylor Rowe, 1939 Barbara Armstrong Wydman, 1943 **BETA EPSILON/OREGON STATE**

Mariann Croisan Allen, 1947 Joyce Standing Hill, 1947

Sheryl Youde Sheraw, 1957 **BETA ZETA/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Sandra Price Britton, 1955 Suzanne Harder Hill, 1961 Misti Moyer Leeper, 1978 Margaret Casey Taylor, 1950

BETA ETA/PENNSYLVANIA

Cintra Morgan Badenhausen, 1946 Bunny Yaecker Chipman, 1957 Helen Hobbs Wilson, 1952

BETA THETA/IDAHO

Lorraine Rudolf Doran, 1949 Jean Bruins Ferry, 1942 Rema Walters Fleener, 1934 Margaret Franklin, 1967 Patsy Albertson Kinnison, 1949 Dorothy Preuss Lee, 1933 Virginia Dempsey Meyer, 1943 Joan Kulzer Miller, 1946 Rhoda Hill Wilson, 1947

BETA IOTA/COLORADO

Marjorie Fields Antoine, 1983 Shirley Paidar Bogardus, 1949 Neva Jackson Downing, 1947 Kay Kramer French, 1959 Donna Whiting Maguire, 1948 Ruth Pasco Race, 1951

BETA KAPPA/DRAKE

Barbara Dawson Beckley, 1947 LaVerne Sedrel Briggs, 1944 Sandra Blymyer Cross, 1951 Barbara Sidlo Hughes, 1970 Betty Willis Koch, 1949 Phyllis Klinzman Miller, 1942 Judith Howard Schueneman, 1955

BETA LAMBDA/WILLIAM & MARY

Peggy Donnelly Hino, 1952 Becky Smith Kientz, 1951 Eugenia Turner McKinley, 1952 Fran Norton, 1969 Linda King Olson, 1965 Jane Muse Partin, 1969 Patricia Smith Pheris, 1959 Jeanne Schoenewolf Preston Rae, 1943 Joanne Hines Rhudy, 1962 Pauline Cherry Royalty, 1961 Harriet Irvin Rutland, 1943 Nancy Hauck Tierney, 1966 **BETA MU/NEVADA**

Marvis Cooper Shelby, 1964

BETA NU/FLORIDA STATE

Priscilla Dale Brady, 1947 Dolores De Land Ingraham, 1951 Julie Bartels Mannheimer, 1968 Anne Kelley Pajcic, 1964 Mary Claire Robida Parks, 1948

BETA XI/UCLA

Pat Wright Brown, 1943 Shirley Keay Campbell, 1949 Patricia Heim Carr, 1950 Anne Knickerbocker Fenton, 1962 Paula Henderson Knight, 1948 Susie Milam Meager, 1945 Charlotte Kiffe Milam, 1946 Elizabeth Milner Schreiber, 1981 Sharon Ward Sweet, 1958 Patricia Sullwold Warren, 1944

BETA OMICRON/IOWA

Ellen Horner Burgess, 1947 Marjorie Van Hoesen Butler, 1944 Bonnie Atwell Hemsworth, 1946 Stefani Sayers Martin, 1997 Judith Gitz Pruchnicki, 1964 Dorothy Danielson Truhlsen, 1949

"I try to uphold the standards that Theta taught: be kind to others and be the best you can be."

Delta Kappa/LSU

BETA PI/MICHIGAN STATE

Dolores Levi Bauer-DeVries, 1950 Yonny Baker Beers, 1958 Nancy Burhans Betts, 1951 Mac McRay Eberstadt, 1945 Sue Henderson, 1951 Christina Day Keker, 1962 Nina Erwin McMillan, 1965 Audra Hatch Nickerson, 1945 Dora McKibben Williams, 1944

BETA RHO/DUKE

Sophie Allen, 2013 Fay Cobb Cole, 1949 Jean Downer Hodges, 1939 Martha Beck Moore, 1947 Jamie Branch Wright, 1946

BETA SIGMA/SMU

Marianne Taggart Bock, 1958 Rose Mary Whittle Carr, 1954 Sue Hall Childress, 1951 Porter Handley Cochran, 1955 Betty Moss Dean, 1949 Charlotte McKay DeShazo, 1951 Frances Harris Elmore, 1940 Liza Burgess Frampton, 1978 Jane Kent Hedges, 1957 Harriet Hill Hughes, 1957 Janet Cramer Jones, 1941 Susan McArthur Koons, 1961 Margaret Samuels Krueger, 1949 Connie McMurtry Laverty, 1962 Leslie Long Melson, 1974 Ann Luther Miller, 1945 Emily Boles Mills, 1945 Cynthia Hewitt Newton, 1963 Jill Worley Sherer, 1958 Joan Hanson Smith, 1947 Shirley Cundiff Winters, 1951

BETA TAU/DENISON

Judith Johnson Carse, 1955 Eleanor Nisbet Hahn, 1956 Mary Alice Henderson Hassett, 1945 Nancy Barber Hopkins, 1952 Rebecca Gardner Hughes, 1973 Patricia Hunt Jackson, 1944 Barbara Visintine LeVegue, 1976 Margaret McAllister Sedgwick, 1945

BETA PHI/PENN STATE

Norma Laughner Adams, 1954 Betty Jane Strom Dittmar, 1949 Anne Dunaway Folwell, 1945 Leslie Lewis Montz, 1938 Marilyn Guillet Ott, 1948 Penny Erb Spaid, 1955 Suzanne Strom Wotring, 1953

BETA CHI/ALBERTA

Shirley Atkinson Bailey, 1946 Ellen Millard Dickie, 1946 Kave Hicks Faunt, 1947 Margaret Campbell Frankish, 1972 Marion Hall Harkness, 1955

BETA PSI/MCGILL

Rina Hoque, 1986

BETA OMEGA/COLORADO COLLEGE

Lee Sage Stewart, 1953

GAMMA GAMMA/ROLLINS

Anita Tanner Daubenspeck, 1957 Shirley Fry Irvin, 1946 Ginnie Fischbeck Ruckert, 1950

GAMMA DELTA/GEORGIA

Emily Aderholt Barrow, 1950 Laree Malone Benton, 1948 Ann Brown, 1965 Betty Isakson Crawford, 1968 Louie Thomason Crawford, 1946 Ann Jackson Herman, 1950 Joan Lippold Hoffman, 1957 Lillian Powell Martin, 1949 Kay Happoldt Smith, 1958 Kathryn Etheridge Thomson, 1960

"Don't belittle what you have done."

Rhoda Kaufman,

GAMMA EPSILON/WESTERN

Margaret Bennett, 1947 Iris Dinniwell Mitten, 1947

GAMMA ZETA/CONNECTICUT

Patricia MacKown Bossi, 1944

Virginia Larson Stewart, 1948

GAMMA ETA/MASSACHUSETTS

Alice Mannino Ernst, 1956

Doris Carbone Norskey, 1947

GAMMA THETA/CARNEGIE MELLON

Ella Baum McWilliams, 1947

GAMMA IOTA/KENTUCKY

Mary Higgins Dunn, 1967

GAMMA KAPPA/GEORGE WASHINGTON

Nancy Cochran Roper, 1948

GAMMA LAMBDA/BELOIT

Veronica Bunk Gayle, 1948 Mary Stanford Johnson, 1959 Susan Kammeier Melendes, 1958

GAMMA MU/MARYLAND

Judy Atkinson, 1951

Sharon McKenzie Beardall, 1958

Katie Bedingfield, 2017

Rosemary DiPaula Betts, 1948

Louise Coddington Speicher, 1960

Patricia Zello, 1969

GAMMA NU/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Roberta Enger Southam, 1955

GAMMA XI/SAN JOSE STATE

Mary Cuneo Callahan, 1953 Patricia Ralston Casterson, 1948

Bonnie Soe Smith, 1955

Nancy Westenberg Uhlman, 1955

GAMMA OMICRON/NEW MEXICO

Nancy Hurley Radley, 1963

Annie Mitchell Sparks, 1950 Elizabeth Ramsey Zilli, 1948

GAMMA PI/IOWA STATE

Ardis Johnson Beeler, 1952

Margot Copeland Goode, 1956

Elizabeth Sheldon Halpin, 1952

GAMMA RHO/UC SANTA BARBARA

Catharine Hooper, 1965

Verna Nannestad Knapp, 1950

GAMMA TAU/TULSA

Sue Ruhr Czeschin, 1958

Patricia Toler Strickling, 1952

GAMMA UPSILON/MIAMI

Jane Rice Klug, 1958

Jennifer Zuber, 2004

GAMMA PHI/TEXAS TECH

Rosalind Ramsey Bowen, 1961

Martha Pace Callaway, 1954

Sandra Cox Helton, 1958

Margaret Fincher Mitchell, 1957

Lucy Cox Moore, 1966

GAMMA PSI/TCU

Kathryn Hoffmann Christian, 1962 Susan White Farmer, 1962

Susan Tribble, 1966

GAMMA OMEGA/AUBURN

Glory Yarbrough Sanders, 1957

Vicki Steele Williams, 1962

DELTA DELTA/WHITMAN

Jill Burton Dascher, 1961

Jennifer Hanke Terjeson, 1979

DELTA EPSILON/ARIZONA STATE

Mary Ellen Carr, 1979

DELTA ZETA/EMORY

Eleanor Spaulding Niemeyer, 1959

Sue Wells Taylor, 1959

DELTA ETA/KANSAS STATE

Rhonda Adams Knop, 1966

DELTA NU/ARKANSAS

Frankie Batchelor Sheraton, 1975

DELTA OMICRON/ALABAMA

Patricia Caffey Kemp, 1970

Derek Littrell Marcoccia, 2004

DELTA UPSILON/EASTERN KENTUCKY

Lee Livesay Smith, 1987

DELTA PHI/CLEMSON

Stephanie Hibberts, 2014

DELTA PSI/UC RIVERSIDE

Carol Mills, 1976

DELTA OMEGA/TEXAS A&M

Leann Dolan Coward, 1991

EPSILON EPSILON/BAYLOR

Patti Kobitz Beard, 1978

Margaret Dahse Hunter, 1976

Jane Powell Jones, 1976

Becky Parker Lewis, 1978

Laura Lynn Barber Porter, 1976

PHI DEUTERON/STANFORD

Naomi Thrapp Gadd, 1941

Helen Ide Nicoll, 1940

EPSILON MU/PRINCETON

Brooke Peterson Gabster, 2007

ZETA RHO/UC SAN DIEGO

Nina Kapoor Oliveira, 2004

ETA IOTA/SAN DIEGO

Haley Takeda, 2019

THETA MU/MINES

Sam Gillaspie, 2018

An In Memoriam listing of Thetas who passed away during the previous calendar year is published in each spring issue of the Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine. The spring issues are mailed to all members for whom we have a current address, so this practice means as many sisters as possible are notified.

You may mail notices of deaths to Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268; email them to Executive Assistant Angela Merk, amerk@kappaalphatheta.org; or, complete an online contact form: www.kappaalphatheta.org/contact.

Have you joined ThetaConnect yet?

More than **7,100** Thetas have joined ThetaConnect, our members-only networking platform!

Did you know you can use ThetaConnect to share job openings?

If your employer is hiring, if you need more staff for your business, or if you are a human resources professional looking to recruit, check out the Job Board where you can post job opportunities!

- 1. Go to Jobs, Post a Job.
- 2. Enter the company name and job title (required), along with details about the position.
- 3. Upload a company logo.
- 4. Add the open and close dates for the job posting.
- 5. Fill out other fields, such as employment type, location, etc.
- 6. Choose how you want candidates to apply by email or through a website.
- 7. Click Post. That's it!

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Need help? Reach out to **thetaconnect@kappaalphatheta.org**.







A New Membership Option is Available for Theta's Wine Club!

The spring release wines are now available and so is a new way to participate in the 1870 Club! We are pleased to announce the three-bottle membership—a more affordable way to enjoy these special wines from Napa Valley.

The new wines include a Napa Valley red, Russian River Valley chardonnay, and the very popular sparkling brut. As always, each bottle is designed to represent and celebrate Theta's rich history. Revenue from 1870 Club membership helps support alumnae programs.

Send photos of you and your Theta sisters sharing these delicious wines to **marketing@kappaalphatheta.org**. If you're planning an event or dinner using Theta wines, email us to receive food pairing suggestions for each wine.



For more information about the wines or to sign up, visit www.blackandgoldnapa.com.



Are you a fan of rosé? Stay tuned to get this limited edition bottle later this summer, available to all Thetas regardless of 1870 Club membership!



Honor a special Theta in the Pansy Patch!

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